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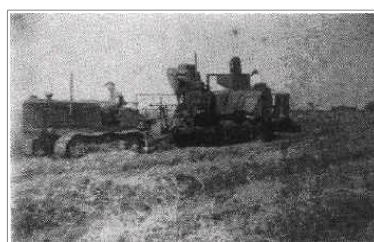
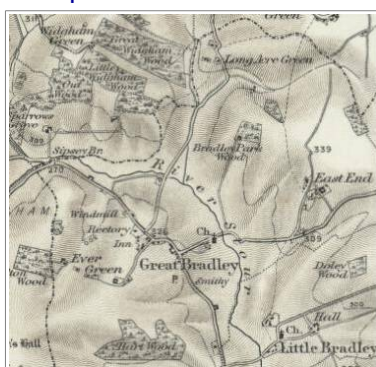
**Defibrillator
Demonstration
Mon. 9th Oct.**

**Wine Tasting
Fri. 13th Oct.**

**Sunday 15th October -
Last Day to use old £1 coin!**



Or have a look through some of the Digital Archive that's being created, details p.10.



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Village Diary

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Coming up Soon ...

Defibrillator Demo.	Monday 9th October	7pm
Wine Tasting	Friday 13th October	7pm, details p.5
Young At Art – Halloween Special	Saturday 28th October	2 – 4:30pm

Trailer Days – Saturdays 14th 21st & 28th October – By the Recreation Ground
Get rid of your garden rubbish and help build another big bonfire!

Weekly Events

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Lively, light exercise and fun! Contact Ella Hollins on 710340	Mondays 2 – 4pm
FLEXIBLE FRIENDS	Class on Tuesday Morning is now CLOSED due to lack of members.	
ART CLASS	Great Bradley Art Classes take place in the Village Hall. New Members are always welcome. If you would like to come along for a free taster session then please contact Anne Pigden 783175 or Pat Spires 783269 for details.	Tuesdays 2 – 4pm
PILATES	Contact Helen Axon mob: 07843 097671	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30pm
WEA 2017	Our 10 week course started on September 13 th on Charles Dickens. Cost £55. Tea, Coffee with a free taster week. You are most welcome.	Wednesdays at 10am
MOBILE LIBRARY	Evergreen Lane 12:10 – 12:35pm (Rt 18 – Stp E) http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/community-services/mobile-libraries	Wed. 11th October (Every 4 weeks)
AFTERNOON CLUB	All welcome, all ages, all interests. Come and meet neighbours for tea, cake, loads of news, views and lots of laughter. Contact Gill Dunn on 783362.	Thursday 12th October
BLUE BIN ONLY	Fridays 13 th & 27 th October	
BLACK & BROWN BINS	Fridays 6 th & 20 th October	

Further Ahead ...

Village Bonfire	Saturday 4 th November	Details p.6
Village Quiz	SATURDAY 11 th November	Details p.6
Parish Council Meeting	15 th November.	7:30pm
Big Christmas Weekend	2 nd and 3 rd December	Details p.4

Further Afield ...

THURLOW WI	Come and join us for a talk entitled ' <i>The History of Ladies Underwear</i> '. For further details please contact Arline (783132) or Karen (783022).	Tuesday 10 th Oct. 7.30pm at Thurlow Village Hall Visitors always welcome.
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Local News & Notices

Village Hall Help Required

We are in need of a strimmer man or lady to trim the grass bank at the Village Hall during the growing season. There is an outside power outlet so the job can be done to suit.

If you are able to help please contact Pete Smith at 14 Fox Green on 783278. Thanks very much.

Pete Smith



Great Bradley Village Hall Lottery Draw

It has been a real pleasure to see so many people and kids enjoying the Friday evening Village Hall events, with one more Portable Pint to come in September. Likewise, it's been great to present in person the envelopes of cash to so many of the Lottery winners and supporters of the Village Hall at these events. The Lottery this year has provided over £500 towards the maintenance of one of the few amenities we have in our village.

At just £12 per name for a year's entry, the top winner every month gets back more than their stake - and as October is the last month of this Lottery Year, it will be a BIG BONUS MONTH - with SIX prizes consisting of TWO at £15, one at £12, one at £10, one at £8 and one at £6.50. Entries have already started coming in for the next Lottery Year that starts in November - Thank You ! - may you enjoy the functions held in the Village Hall, and have the very best of luck in the Lottery ...

At a Pilates evening on Sept. 5th in the Village Hall, the following numbers drawn resulted in prizes for:

1st Prize £15	No 50	Gill Brown, Balsham
2nd Prize £10	No 5	Helena Crawford, East Green
3rd Prize £7	No 39	Sioux Fisher, Matthews Lane
4th Prize £6	No 89	India Ringer, Fox Farmhouse
5th Prize £5	No 40	Grace Holcombe, Clarendale

Promoter - George Hendry, Rose Cottage, Gt. Bradley, Newmarket, CB8 9LQ. Tel: 01440 783415.

Registered with St Edmundsbury Borough Council as a Small Society Lottery for the Gambling Act 2005, Registration Number SL3204.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Some very kind volunteers will be undertaking house-to-house collections in the period *28th October to 11th November* raising funds for the wonderful work carried out by the Royal British Legion.

Remembrance Day itself is on *Sunday 12th November*.

Please give as generously as you are able to this cause, which helps so many members of our armed forces who have been harmed in combat.

Sam Sheppard - Poppy Appeal Organiser - the Thurlows and Bradleys.

With thanks,

Sam





Scottish Country Dancing

Great Bradley Village Hall

Mondays 2pm – 4pm

Come along and have some fun at these lively and informal sessions – a great way to exercise too!!

Contact Ella Hollins on 710340 for more details.

It's All Going On in Great Bradley

It's been a busy summer - a time of holidays and sunshine (and more recently torrential rain showers!) We hope that many of you have enjoyed our monthly Portable Pint nights, from May to September, which have now come to an end for a while. We were very fortunate, on the whole, to be blessed with wonderful calm evenings. We would really like to know your opinions – about the Portable Pint bar, the food and whether we should have one in the winter time too. We know that Friday's didn't work for some of you but were limited by Tony's availability – something we hope to change in the future if the response is positive. So please let the committee know your feedback via Facebook or face-to-face.



We are now open for bookings for the **Wine-tasting**, which will take place on **Friday 13th October**. Contact Alison or Paul on 783678 to secure your place. More details on page 5. It should be another fun evening with some cold tapas-style accompaniments.

There will be a free **Defibrillator Demonstration** at the Village Hall on **Monday 9th October**, start at **7pm**. This should be a useful evening for anyone in the village who would like to know more about how to use the equipment outside the village hall, in case of an emergency.

Helen Bennett has been really paying attention over the last few months, using all her knowledge and expertise to prepare the upcoming **Quiz Night**. This will happen at the village hall on **SATURDAY 11th November at 7pm** prompt. Teams can be up to a maximum of 6 please. Don't worry if you don't have a team – you can still book your place and we'll make up teams for you. Due to fire regulations space is limited so book early!! Tickets are £10 per person, which includes food. See page 6 for more details.

Following all the fun at the Young at Art mornings during the holidays, we are planning a '**Wizardly Craft**' afternoon on **Saturday 28th October from 2pm - 4.30pm**. It will be a chance to work on a spooky Halloween costume, make a mask or perhaps decorate your basket to carry your witches loot. The cost per child is just £2.50 and this will include special Halloween goodies to eat or take with you too. As we realise that this falls at the end of the half term break, we'll only run this if there is sufficient interest, so call us to book (Alison 783678). We're hoping to see lots of scary youngsters there!

The last major event for you diary will be the **Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday December 2nd and Sunday 3rd December**. This will include the Great Bradley Christmas Auction of Promises (more on p.5) and there will be the opportunity to start getting into the Christmas Spirit with some traditional carol-singing, delicious

mulled wine and other Christmas fare. We have already received some very special 'Promises' from generous people and businesses locally, but are looking for a few more, so do get in touch if you can offer something (call Karen on 783830). We hope you will come along, join in the spirit of Christmas, perhaps find that really special present for someone you adore, or just treat yourself.

Finally, if there's anyone out there who LOVES crafting and has some good ideas for simple activities for Halloween or Christmas children's activities please get in touch (Alison 783678). We'd appreciate your help!!

Alison McCloskey

Village Hall Fun Sub-Committee

Sipping And Sampling – October Wine-Tasting At The Village Hall

Back by popular demand, we are now taking bookings for our wine-tasting event at the village hall on **Friday 13th October at 7pm**. Once again, the focus will be on having fun whilst sipping delicious wine with friends and neighbours.

There will be a head to head between wines from the Old and New World producers. Tips on what to do with a disappointing bottle of red (other than give it to your neighbours!) There will also be an opportunity to test your wine knowledge for a fabulous prize.



There will be 8 wines to sample, compare, and enjoy and we'll be providing a delicious plate of cold tapas-style treats to accompany the tasting.

This event is by pre-booked ticket only and is just £12 per person. A great deal and a great deal of fun! Tickets will be limited to a maximum of 40, due to the space and logistics of the event, so please book early. (Paul or Alison – 01440 783678 or via Facebook).

PS: If you are planning to come as a group, please let us know when you book so we can set everything up for you in advance.

Great Bradley Christmas Auction of Promises Sunday 3rd December 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Mulled wine, Minced Pies and Christmas treats
Sing Along Christmas Carols
Live and Silent Auctions

A chance to treat yourself or find some unique gifts!

Just some of the auction items so far:

- ★ An evening of babysitting
 - ★ Car washing
 - ★ Garden BBQ at The Old Rectory for up to 8 people, including wine
 - ★ Flying experience at Marshals, Cambridge Airport
 - ★ Florida self-catering villa free rental (one week), flights not included
 - ★ A day at a Motor Rally as a marshall – all transport included
 - ★ Various Dining Experiences
-and much more!!!

Let it snow

Great Bradley Village Hall



Saturday 11th November 2017

7.00pm start (doors open 6.30pm)

Ticket only (pre booked)

Teams of 6 **maximum**

Choice of supper: fish, chicken, veggie burger, scampi, with chips.

Please bring your own drinks (and glasses)

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact Alison with your team name and food order on

01440 783678

£10.00 per person (includes supper)

payable at time of booking



Village Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 4th November

Gates open 6:30pm – Fireworks at 7:15pm

Hot dogs
Soft drinks

Mulled wine
Wine / Beer



Free Entry – Collection Buckets – Please donate generously!



Children's Birthday Parties

at

Great Bradley Village Hall

Bookings now being taken for 2017

Ever considered holding your children's birthday party at our

Village Hall

All facilities are available, fully equipped kitchen, toilets, parking etc.

If you would like to see what the Village Hall can offer please telephone the Bookings secretary

01440 783943

Come and have a look round



Thurlow WI

Helen Bennett presided at the September meeting. The Fayre had been a great success and members were thanked for their work in the tea tent where they had taken a record £1800. A discussion was held on how to improve the running of this in the future.

Our speaker was Gordon Paley who had come to tell of his Brief Encounters with famous people. He had spent time in and worked with Nelson Mandela. He had been obsessed with buses from childhood and eventually bought and ran his own company. This is where he met many stars of show business and his assistant read out clues for us to name them, the most noted being Roy Orbison.

Helen then gave notice of future events which included a Willow Weaving and a Decorating a Canvas Bag, both to be held at Sturmer, and a Jigsaw Challenge and Soup and Natter at Park Farm

Two members had attended a Singing Session at Lavenham and two are going to the Autumn Council Meeting.

Winners in the draw were Janice Klimcke, Molly Hawkins, Karen Canterford, Arline Vollam and Iris Eley.

Next Month it's the History of Womans Underwear, Oct. 10th 7 30pm Visitors always welcomed.

Warm regards,

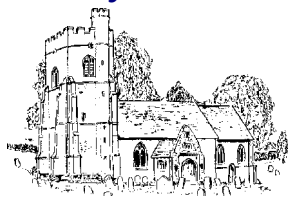
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Church Services & Events

St. Mary's Church, Great Bradley



Month	Church Cleaning	Flowers
October	Ken & Sue Ireland	Harvest Festival: meet 10 am, Saturday 7 October to decorate church, all welcome
November	Geoffrey and Arline Vollam	Gill Dunn

Church Services – October 2017

1 October	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley
8 October	11 am	Harvest Festival	Great Bradley
8 October	6 pm	Harvest Evensong	Little Thurlow
15 October	10 am	Benefice Service	Little Wrating
22 October	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Little Wrating
29 October	10 am	Benefice Service	Kedington
5 November	11 am	Holy Communion	Little Bradley

See Benefice News for details of services at other churches in the Benefice.

We Plough The Fields And Scatter

The corn has been cut, the combine harvesters have done their work, the grain has been transported to the grain store, the stubble has been ploughed in (remember the days when it used to be burnt?) and the countryside has gone from golden yellow to brown as the seed is set for the next season. Join us at the **Harvest Festival** service on **Sunday 8 October at 11am** with some rousing harvest hymns followed by coffee and cake. There will be a collection of cans and packets for the Haverhill Food Bank.



Climb The Church Tower

Did you miss the opportunity to climb the 70 steps to the top of the church tower at the Fete or would you like another chance to enjoy the fantastic view? Weather permitting, the tower will be open again for tours after the **Harvest Festival** service on Sunday 8 October. Come along at 12, or, better still, join us at 11 for the service!



What's On - Out And About

News from the Ellesmere Centre – October 2017



Saturday 7th October - Creedence Clearwater Review -

The country's number one tribute band to Creedence Clearwater Revival - currently on tour across the UK are performing one night only at the Ellesmere Centre.



This is set to be a really great night with some wonderful music, including some of John Fogerty's solo work.



View the band on 'YouTube' to get a taste of what's to come.

Tickets just £7.50 in advance £8 on the door. Contact Julie on 01638 508212.

The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.

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Digitising the village archives for everyone to see

For 2 months now we have been working with the Village Archive Group to digitise all of the documents, maps, and other items from the archive that has been collected over the years. There is a massive variety of fascinating archive material that has been categorised by the Archive Group which has made our job that much easier. But these hard copies will not last forever; fading is evident on some of the documents and rust is slowly working away at staples and other bindings. With this in mind, by digitising them we are able to create a lasting store that people can both enjoy at the current moment of time and, in the future when it is all finally loaded onto the cloud device (purchased with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund), from anywhere in the world where they are able to access the internet.

The way we are able to digitise all the intriguing documents, maps, minute's books, pictures etc is by scanning them with one of two scanners which were also bought with funds from the grant received from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help with the project. Due to the massive variety of shape, size and number of archive material, both an A4 and A3 scanner are used. This allows us to make sure we have a scanner that is able to scan the material whatever the shape or size.

We have both been so fascinated with the material we have been scanning and have enjoyed learning about things to do with the village that we had no idea about before we started. Furthermore, it has been so intriguing just to see how much the village has changed but also seeing how many traditions have survived. We hope that you are also interested and you able to view what we have been doing here. <https://tinyurl.com/gbarchive>

Dom and Ed Brophy

Harvest Over.....Another Farming Year Begins

In my last update for the May Bugle, I said that the rainfall patterns to date in 2017 were similar to the famous hot, dry years of 1976 and 2003 and that a sunny Summer beckoned. How wrong I was! I should know better than to prejudge the English weather! My prognostication held reasonably well until the end of June but then the rains began to arrive, especially so from mid-July.

In July we recorded rainfall of 92.4mm against a ten-year average of 64.8mm. In September there has been 85mm to date against a ten-year average of 37.60mm. This has resulted in a difficult Harvest in terms of operations and a slow start to the drilling campaign for next year's crops, especially the Wheat. And it has certainly curbed opportunities for barbeques which I had forecast would be the mainstay of this Summer!

Harvest – Above Average

The very dry start to the year implied that yields for this Harvest would not be particularly good. However, this heavy clay land retains its winter moisture for a long time and the crops looked surprisingly well as Summer approached. They were also about ten days ahead of their normal growing pattern. Therefore, when the serious rains began, the damage to the crops was relatively small (and indeed it helped certain things such as Wildbird Seed Mixes – see below) although it meant that the Harvest was a stop/start affair as the showers were dodged by the combines.

The yields of most crops, such as the Wheat, were average to slightly above average. Indeed, the Oilseed Rape was the best since 2003 – it is a crop which benefits from relatively hot, dry weather which, of course, prevailed in the Spring and early Summer of this year. There was however a noticeable difference between what we call First Wheats and Second Wheats. The first Wheats, which are the significant majority, are drilled behind break crops such as Oilseed Rape and Beans. Some of the First Wheats, such as Skyfall and Illustrious which are the Milling Wheat varieties, did exceptionally well. However, the Second Wheats, which follow on directly from a previous crop of Wheat, did poorly. Their root structures were probably particularly affected by the draught earlier in the year. Conversely the Sugar Beet, which we are currently harvesting, benefitted enormously from the late rains. After it was initially planted in late March it looked as if it might even fail due to the lack of rain. However, the rains since mid-Summer came just in time and we await the results with some optimism!

Countryside Stewardship

The wet weather of the last three months has been of great benefit to the various areas of Wildflower and Wildbird Seed Mixes which some of you will have noted on your walks.

The Grass and Floristic Mixes – for example on Hobbs Croft which is the field on the right immediately over Bradley Bridge – have flourished in the late Summer and should be a picture next year! Aside from the abundance of clover, vetch, birdsfoot trefoil and black knapweed, it was particularly good that the musk mallow emerged.

The Winter Wildbird Seed Mixes - which we have been growing for about fifteen years (but now more than ever before) – have never looked better. The millets and the phacelia have thrived in particular.

We are also seeing the benefit of the new Autumn Wildbird Seed Mixes which we initially planted last year. These provide assistance to birds in the late Winter and to insects and birds from the Spring onwards. They are providing a tremendous boost to habitat for wildlife.

This is a somewhat shorter update than usual but I will be writing with further news in November!

Charles Ryder

September 2017

FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE BUGLE!

Please tell us your news or send an article or photograph – We'll be delighted to hear from you!

We are also looking to extend the range of articles and information we publish so if you have any ideas for things to cover or are willing to put together something for inclusion, please let us know.

In order that your Bugle reaches you early in the month all copy must be received in good time.

N.B. Deadline for the next issue is the 15th of the month.

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